

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended)

A protective material with punched shaped parts, manufactured by converting process for producing single-sided or double-sided adhesive punched shaped parts from a single-sided or double sided adhesive tape, wherein the single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape is positioned on top of the protective material, the protective material comprising a polymer backing sheet having a top face and a bottom face and an interior portion between the top face and the bottom face.

the interior portion includes a layer of homogeneous opaque colorant,

the top and/or the bottom face include anti-adhesive coating, and

wherein the shaped parts are punched out from the single-sided or double sided adhesive tape by a punching tool via a kiss-cut process,

~~wherein the protective material comprises an homogeneous opaque polymer backing sheet, the homogeneous opaque coloring being disposed in the interior and over the full area of the backing sheet, so as to avoid abrasion on the punching tool.~~

and wherein the ~~homogeneous opaque polymer backing sheet~~ includes means for web edge guided optical recognition for dispensing the punched shaped parts.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein the opaque color ~~colorant~~ layer is applied over the full ~~bottom face area~~ interior portion of the backing sheet.

4. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 1, wherein the opaque polymer backing sheet is one of a polyester, polystyrene, polyamide or polyimide.

5. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 4, wherein the opaque polymer backing sheet is polyester having a thickness of from 12 to 150 μm .

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 6 ~~4~~, wherein the anti-adhesive coating is one of a silicone-free layer, a low-silicone layer, silicone layer, paraffin layer, Teflon layer or a wax layer.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the layer of opaque color layer colorant is applied to the interior portion of the polymer backing, facing the top/or bottom face of the anti-adhesive coating polymer backing at from 0.5 to 20 g/m^2 .

10. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein the layer of opaque color layer colorant is dyed silicone.

11. (currently amended)

A method for using a polymer backing as a backing sheet in a protective material for a single-sided or double-sided adhesive tape, comprising the steps of

providing a ~~wherein the polymer backing~~ sheet includes having an interior portion being covered with a top and a bottom face and a ~~full area of~~ homogeneous opaque color layer disposed in the interior portion ~~on the top or on the bottom face~~ and

providing the polymer backing with means for web edge guided optical recognition for dispensing the punched shaped parts.

12. (previously presented)

The method for using the polymer backing of claim 11, wherein the opaque polymer backing is a polyester backing.

Claim 13 (canceled).

14. (previously presented)

The protective material as claimed in claim 5, wherein the opaque polyester backing has a thickness of from about 25 to 75 μ m.

15. (previously presented)

The protective material as claimed in claim 14, wherein the opaque polyester backing has a thickness of from about 36 to 50 μ m.

16. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 9, wherein the opaque color layer is applied to the interior portion of the polymer backing at from about 4 to 8 g/m².

17. (currently amended)

The protective material as claimed in claim 16, wherein the opaque color layer is applied to the interior portion of the polymer backing at from about 5 to 7 g./m².

18-20. (canceled)